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Group Art Unit: 1771

For: WET-LAID NONWOVEN WEB FROM UNPLUPED
NATURAL FIBERS AND COMPOSITE CONTAINING SAME

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION in the above-identified application.

A Small Entity Statement Was Previously Submitted In This Application.
 A Small Entity Statement Is Enclosed.
 A Filing Fee For Extra Claims Does Not Appear Required.
 A Filing Fee For Extra Claims Is Calculated Below:

No. of Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims	Fee For Small Entity		Fee For Other Than Small Entity	
			Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total	21	20	1	x \$ 9 = \$	x \$18 =	\$ 18.00
Independent	3	3	0	x \$ 40 \$	x \$80 = \$	
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It is hereby petitioned that any required extension of time be granted for filing the Amendment. An extension of 0 month(s) having a fee of \$ 0 appears required.

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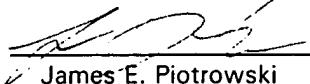
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